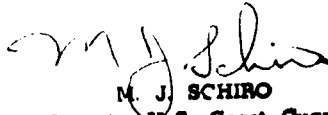


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3. b. NVIC 9-82 notes that a letter of understanding allows U.S. vessels to operate in the Canadian waters of the Great Lakes with USCG certified MSDs and allows Canadian vessels to operate in U.S. waters of the Great Lakes with Canadian certification.
- c. The Coast Guard has determined (and the Environmental Protection Administration concurs) that sewage treatment plants meeting MARPOL Annex IV are fully equivalent to Coast Guard certified Type II MSDs. The appropriate evidence for compliance with MARPOL Annex IV is a "Certificate of Type Test" indicating testing in accordance with the requirements of IMO Resolution MEPC.2(VI). The Certificate of Type Test must be issued by or on behalf of a government which is a party to the MARPOL Convention.

4. IMPLEMENTATION.

- a. A foreign flag vessel that has a "Certificate of Type Test" indicating that its sewage treatment plant meets the test requirements of Resolution MEPC.2(VI) of the International Maritime Organization will be accepted by the Coast Guard as being in compliance with 33 CFR 159.7(b) or (c). Such a plant will be considered as fully equivalent to a Coast Guard certified Type II MSD as long as the unit is in operable condition.
- b. U.S. registered vessels will continue to be required to have Coast Guard certified MSDs in accordance with 33 CFR 159.


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